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SUBJECT: HERBICIDE ORANGE

REF: CARACAS 6279, BRASILIA 5272

1. FOR CARACAS. IF EMBASSY DEEMS PRESS RELEASE NECESSARY, SUGGEST YOU USE THE FOLLOWING: "HERBICIDE ORANGE HAS NOT BEEN AUTHORIZED FOR OVERSEAS DONATION OR SALE BY AGENCIES OF THE USG AND WILL NOT BE UNLESS IT IS ALSO AUTHORIZED FOR USE IN THE UNITED STATES. HERBICIDE ORANGE IS STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR DOMESTIC USE WITHIN THE UNITED STATES, BUT FINAL DECISION HAS NOT YET BEEN MADE BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA)."

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2. FOR CARACAS AND BRASILIA. UNDER EXISTING FEDERAL LAW,

ONLY THOSE PESTICIDES REGISTERED WITH THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY MAY BE USED FOR DOMESTIC PURPOSES. THERE IS NO U. S. LEGAL OBJECTION TO EXPORTING ANY PESTICIDE THAT MEETS THE PACKAGING AND FORMULATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE FOREIGN PURCHASER. HOWEVER, AS A MATTER OF POLICY, IT HAS BEEN DECIDED NOT TO PERMIT THE EXPORT OF HERBICIDE ORANGE FROM USG-OWNED STOCKS UNLESS AND UNTIL IT IS REGISTERED FOR DOMESTIC USE BY EPA. THE REGISTRATION BEING CONSIDERED REQUESTS THAT ACCEPTABLE PORTIONS OF HERBICIDE ORANGE BE REGISTERED FOR USE ON RANGE AND STUMP LAND AND FOR WEED AND BRUSH CONTROL PROGRAMS ON COMMUNICATION AND HIGHWAY RIGHTS-OF WAY. DOMESTIC USE OF HERBICIDE ORANGE, IF REGISTRATION IS APPROVED, WOULD BE LIMITED TO THESE USES. HERBICIDE ORANGE IS A LIQUID OF HIGH CONCENTRATIONS OF 2,4-D AND 2,4,5-T WHICH ARE USED IN PRODUCTS NOW REGISTERED FOR DOMESTIC USE BY EPA.

3. EPA SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS CONCERNING ALL PRODUCTS CONTAINING 2,4,5-T REGISTERED FOR THE ABOVE USES BECAUSE OF A MANUFACTURING IMPURITY, TETRACHLORODIBENZOPARADIOXIN (TCDD). ON JUNE 28, 1974, THE EPA ANNOUNCED CANCELLATION OF THE PUBLIC HEARINGS OWING TO METHODOLOGICAL PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH THEIR TCDD MONITORING PROGRAM. CONTINUATION OF SUCH ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS SEEMED INAPPROPRIATE WHEN THE EVIDENCE WHICH WOULD LARGELY DETERMINE THE OUTCOME OF THOSE PROCEEDINGS REMAINED SCIENTIFICALLY UNAVAILABLE. EPA MAY OR MAY NOT RAISE A QUESTION AGAIN FOLLOWING MORE INTENSIVE RESEARCH AND MONITORING.

4. IN THE LIGHT OF THIS DEVELOPMENT, EPA WILL RECONSIDER REGISTRATION FOR DOMESTIC USE OF THAT PORTION OF THE HERBICIDE ORANGE STOCKPILE WITH LOW TCDD CONTENT. THAT PORTION WITH HIGH TCDD CONTENT WILL BE DISPOSED OF.

5. IT IS INCORRECT TO REFER TO PRESENTLY AVAILABLE HERBICIDES AS "DILUTED MIXTURES OF HERBICIDE ORANGE." THEY MAY CONTAIN SOME OF THE SAME INGREDIENTS BUT THEY ARE IN NO WAY DERIVED FROM HERBICIDE ORANGE.

6. PLEASE REPORT ANY FURTHER PRESS ARTICLES ON HERBICIDE UNCLASSIFIED

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